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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: J. Brier  
HIDAKI OHSHIMA et al. )  
: Group Art Unit: 2672  
Application No.: 09/176,274 )  
: Filed: October 21, 1998 )  
: For: IMAGE PROCESSING )  
: APPARATUS AND METHOD, )  
: AND COMPUTER-READABLE )  
: MEMORY )  
: Monday, May 1, 2006

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